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wherein said chemically embossed portion has at least one chemical emboss depth that is greater than the mechanical emboss depth of any portion of said mechanically embossed portion.

22. The floor covering according to claim 21, wherein said chemically embossed portion is substantially free of mechanical embossments.

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23. The floor covering according to claim 21, wherein said chemically embossed portion is part of a foam layer and said mechanically embossed portion is part of a wear layer.

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24. The floor covering according to claim 23, further comprising a design layer. *112*

25. The floor covering of claim 23, wherein said wear layer comprises polyvinyl chloride.

26. The floor covering of claim 21, wherein said chemically embossed portion is embossed using a retarder composition comprising acrylic resin binder, alcohol, water and an inhibitor selected from the group consisting of tolyltriazole, benzotriazole, fumaric acid, malic acid, hydroquinone, dodecanethiol, succinic anhydride, and adipic acid.

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